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APPARATUS SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INSTALLING A  
STRAINER LOCK

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**(37 CFR § 1.9(f) and § 1.27(b))**  
**INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled APPARATUS SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INSTALLING A STRAINER LOCK, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked:

\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_ as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number \_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_ (if applicable).

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

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